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SUBJECT: DOCUMENTARY FILM HIGHLIGHTS LABOR EXPLOITATION,
PREVENTION, AND ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS

¶1. (U) Summary: Embassy officials opened the USAID sponsored anti-trafficking film "Labor Trafficking Reality" on December 19 to an audience of representatives from Parliament, state ministries, domestic and international NGOs, journalists, and members of the Interagency Council on Combating Trafficking in Tbilisi. The local NGO Georgian Young Lawyers Association (GYLA) recently completed the documentary to highlight labor trafficking and the consequences for victims. The film, shot in Georgia, includes actual stories of labor exploitation and information from experts on trafficking prevention and victim assistance. The documentary will be shown on Georgian TV channels to heighten public awareness beginning in January 2008. End Summary.

¶2. (U) As part of its USAID sponsored contract, GYLA recently completed a documentary film in Georgian on labor trafficking under the auspices of the "No to Trafficking in Persons Project." The documentary, a 25 minute short, produced by the Georgian company "Art Magic" and directed by Dali Pridonashvili, includes interviews by Giorgi Chkheidze, GYLA Chair, Sozar Subari, Public Defender, and Ia Dadunashvili, of the International Labor organization. The film contains actual stories of labor trafficking victims, both men and women, and includes footage from two previously public service announcements on the same issue.

¶3. (U) "Labor Trafficking Reality" was the second of three films that has been created by GYLA related to trafficking. In 2006, GYLA helped to create a film to educate the public on female sexual exploitation. The third and final film, which is slated for production in 2008, will concentrate on child trafficking.

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